



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

**Kershaw County School District**  
**Grades: PK-12** **Enrollment: 10,347**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Frank E. Morgan**  
**Board Chair: Joseph Dorton, Jr.**

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	
2011	Average	Average	N/A	Not Met	CA
2010	Average	Good	N/A	Not Met	CA
2009	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	CA

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
3	10	8	0	1

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Districts with Students Like Ours are Districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

## PASS

PASS	2011 Reading	2011 Math	2011 Science	2011 Social Studies	2011 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	76.8%	74.9%	72.0%	72.7%	77.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.8%	74.7%	70.2%	73.6%	74.3%
Average District	74.3%	73.6%	69.0%	73.0%	73.1%

PASS	2011 Reading	2011 Math	2011 Science	2011 Social Studies	2011 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	40.9%	34.0%	24.7%	31.0%	35.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	41.5%	35.8%	23.7%	33.0%	34.7%
Average District	40.4%	35.5%	23.3%	33.3%	33.7%

## HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	79.5%	13.4%	7.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	79.9%	11.6%	8.5%

## HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2011 (%)

District	90.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.1%

## End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	64.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	67.8%

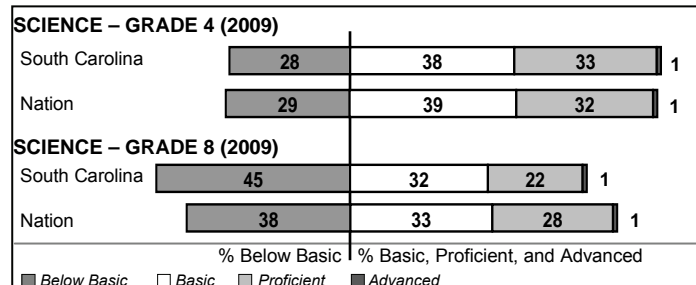
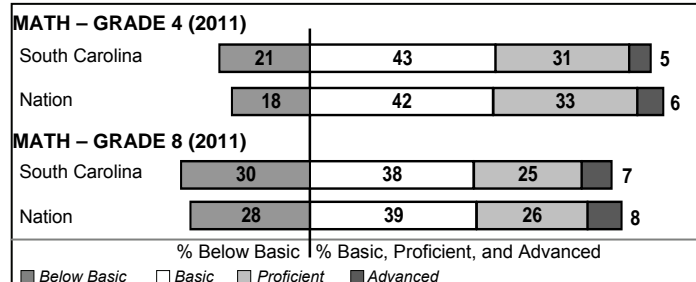
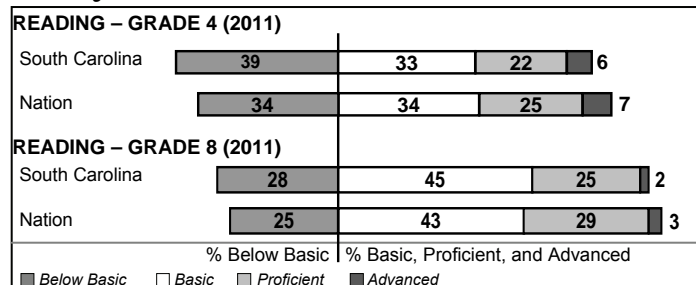
## On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	73.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.2%

\*\* Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

## NAEP\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## SC PERFORMANCE VISION

*By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.*

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## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=10,347)</b>				
Retention rate	2.7%	No Change	1.8%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.7%	Down from 95.9%	95.7%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	21.2%	Down from 22.5%	19.0%	14.0%
With disabilities other than speech	5.2%	Down from 8.7%	7.4%	7.4%
Older than usual for grade	2.8%	Down from 4.0%	2.4%	3.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.4%	Down from 2.1%	0.9%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	17.0%	Up from 16.5%	18.3%	12.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	52.8%	N/A	50.4%	52.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	31.0%	Down from 35.3%	31.4%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	83	Up from 45	83	66
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	56	Up from 33	56	35
Annual dropout rate	3.6%	Up from 2.6%	3.1%	2.8%
<b>Teachers (n=635)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	67.9%	Up from 66.3%	61.4%	61.2%
Continuing contract teachers	88.7%	Up from 86.8%	86.8%	85.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.4%	Up from 92.0%	91.8%	90.3%
Teacher attendance rate	95.6%	Down from 96.6%	95.6%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,528	Up 0.4%	\$47,569	\$46,166
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.2%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.1%	Down from 4.2%	1.0%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	10.2 days	Up from 8.8 days	11.3 days	12.2 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	5.0	Up from 3.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.7 to 1	Up from 21.5 to 1	22.1 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.5%	Down from 92.1%	90.6%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,567	Down 7.1%	\$8,783	\$9,140
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.0%	Up from 53.2%	55.3%	53.5%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.0%	Up from 60.2%	59.0%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	19	No Change	13	9
Portable classrooms	1.3%	Down from 3.5%	1.2%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	19.0	No Change	11.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	96.8%	Down from 99.1%	96.0%	96.6%
Average administrator salary	\$78,315	Down 4.4%	\$78,144	\$78,000
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	93.1%		93.9%	93.1%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES STUDENT PERFORMANCE

	PASS	HSAP	End-of-Course Tests
Passage Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A

## CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
There are no charter schools in this district.			

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

This has been another school year of great student achievement and academic excellence. A Center for American Progress study rated the Kershaw County School District (KCS D) as providing a "high return on investment"—the only school district in the Midlands and one of only 12 in the state to earn the report's highest productivity rating. KCS D averages were higher than the state averages in 23 of the 30 possible 2010 PASS categories. Local seniors' SAT average composite score jumped 17 points to outperform the state composite score. Nine schools—Baron DeKalb Elementary, Bethune Elementary, Blaney Elementary, Camden Elementary, Camden High, Leslie M. Stover Middle, Lugoff-Elgin Middle, North Central Middle and Wateree Elementary—were recognized by the State Board of Education in the Palmetto Gold and Silver program for academic achievement and closing achievement gaps. All schools achieved passing or better ratings on the State Report Card for the first time since the report cards were instituted. All of the district's elementary schools achieved "Adequate Yearly Progress" for the first time. ATEC students exceeded national career and technical education performance standards in 2010. Seven more Kershaw County teachers earned National Board certification (the highest credential available in the teaching profession) while four others earned their recertification. This brings the total number of district teachers who are National Board certified to 151 or 21 percent of the teaching staff, compared to only 15.5 percent statewide who have the certification.

The district's performance has received statewide and national recognition at all levels. Blaney Elementary teacher Tonya Jackson and Lugoff-Elgin High teacher Holly Sullivan were chosen as national finalists for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Camden Elementary teacher Trudy Ranges was named an Unsung Hero by ING. Pine Tree Hill Elementary instructional assistant Rebecca South was named the SC Paraprofessional of the Year. The school improvement councils of Baron DeKalb Elementary and Doby's Mill Elementary were named to the SC School Improvement Council Honor Roll. Doby's Mill Elementary was named an Exemplary Writing Program Award winner. Wateree Elementary School received a PBIS Exemplar award while Doby's Mill Elementary earned a PBIS Ribbon honor. North Central High was recognized as a "Champion of the Environment" by DHEC. Camden Middle students won seven out of 10 awards given for 7th grade projects at the regional science fair. Blaney Elementary's archery team won the Department of Natural Resources' state competition and advanced to the national finals. Lugoff-Elgin Middle's wrestling team won the state championship. The district's Class of 2011 high school graduates earned \$5,293,817 in college scholarships.

In addition, Jackson School became the first "LEED Gold" certified school in South Carolina for its environmentally sustainable design while the first phase of the programs funded by the \$5.7 million Safe Schools/Healthy Students federal grant was implemented. This grant utilized existing community agencies and resources to deliver services to students and their families. The grant also led to the United Way of Kershaw County receiving a \$300,000 grant to support an intensive mentoring program.

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